

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Deep Branch Road Bridge (Bridge No. WI4091) Survey Number: WI-250

Project: Replace Deep Branch Road Bridge over Tyaskin Creek Agency: SHA/WI County

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended x

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The existing timber bridge was surveyed as part of the statewide historic bridge inventory and an inventory form was prepared: Deep Branch Road Bridge (Maryland Inventory # WI-250). However, the existing information is scant and does not support a determination of eligibility. First, it is not possible to be certain of the construction date for this bridge. Various sources provide dates of 1929 and 1939. In addition, the accuracy of these dates is thrown into question by the presence of old timber piles on the same alignment, underneath the existing bridge. These old piles imply that the bridge may have been reconstructed at some date after 1929 or 1939. Secondly, records indicate that the original railing system was replaced with the existing steel W-beams. Thus the bridge has lost a character defining element. To conclude, at this time, there is no information suggesting this bridge has any particular significance under any of the Criteria for Evaluation, its construction history is murky and its integrity has been compromised.

Apparently, the inventory form for the bridge was reviewed by the interagency bridge review committee, composed of members of the Federal Highway Administration, State Highway Administration and Maryland Historical Trust. However, the record is not clear with respect to the committee's determination. (I can find no record of the determination in the minutes) It appears that the committee may have tentatively determined the bridge to be eligible, pending confirmation that the pile bents of the existing bridge did indeed date to 1929. As it is unlikely that such confirmation will ever be available, it seems appropriate to determine the bridge ineligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory
form WI-250

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

March 17, 1997

Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

Peter E. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR program

3/18/97

Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☒ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☒ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: StructureHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation-vehicularKnown Design Source: NA



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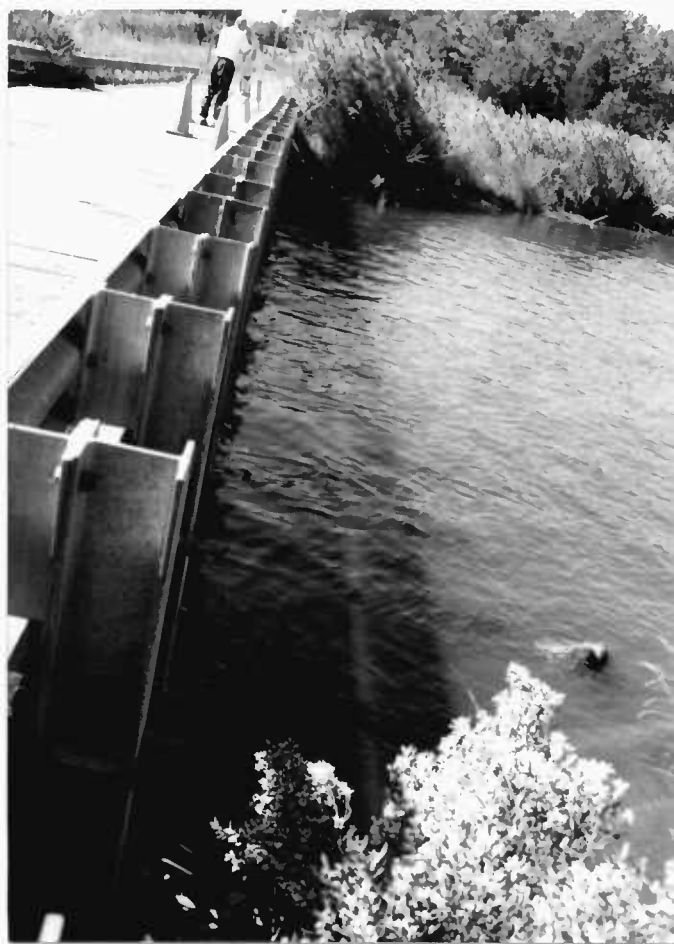


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